

BENNY LEONARD TELLS HOW HE WILL TRY FOR A KNOCK OUT

"A STRAIGHT RIGHT TO JAW WILL BE THE PUNCH" ---BENNY

Lightweight Champion Declares He'll Put Great Rival Away Inside of Six or Eight Rounds To-Morrow Night in Jersey City.

By Thornton Fisher.

BUDD LAKE, N. J., July 26.—"I'll knock Lew Tander out in six to eight rounds." So says Benny Leonard on the eve of the greatest lightweight battle since the days of Joe Gans and Battling Nelson. "A straight right to the jaw will be the punch," continued the champion.

"All the talk about Tander's left is foolish," said Leonard. "He's hit a lot of others with that so-called famous left, but it hasn't got him anything. Who has he licked?"

The lightweight champion, who has practically wound up his work here, is apparently ready for the final battle of his career, for a victory over the Philadelphia will mean the last of the real money contenders. The rest of them will simply be set-ups.

He finished his heavy training to-day by boxing two three-minute rounds with Johnny Martin, Mike Carrier and Sammy Berne, without a puff to indicate any exertion.

Benny was in fine fettle. He kidded the crowd as he worked. There was none of the last-minute temper usually found just before a title fight. Freddie Welsh, from whom Leonard won his title, expressed the opinion that the fight will go the limit—otherwise Benny should win by a knockout.

Welsh says Leonard "is up against the greatest fight of his life." A southpaw is always a puzzle to the orthodox fighter, no matter how you figure it out. He's something he doesn't meet every day, while the southpaw is meeting nothing but the orthodox style.

According to the dope, Leonard should beat Tander handily. Everything points to a victory for the New York boy. His footwork is far superior to Tander's, his hitting is superb and his blocking to-day of everything his southpaw sparring partner offered indicated a superiority that Lew will be unable to overcome.

Talking with the champion to-day he expressed the confidence that might be expected of the title holder. "I consider," said Leonard, "Richie Mitchell, Joe Wilking and Willie Ritchie headier fighters than Tander—faster thinkers and better boxers. He can't think, and thinking is the biggest part of boxing."

"Tander's left, held close to his head, will drop from fatigue, leaving him open for a right. It ought to be one of the easiest fights I've ever had."

"Tender told you," continued the champion, "that I quit to Shugrue and Fleming. To the contrary, the referee stopped the fight in both cases. I am proud that they beat me. It's good to be stopped when you are a kid, as I was. You learn something. I was stopped, but I became champion. It didn't discourage me. Tender hasn't had that experience. Richie Mitchell knocked me down after I had kicked him over three times. When I hit the floor I said to myself, 'What are you doing something like that?' Mitchell put me down, but couldn't keep me there. I'll finish Tander so that he'll be through with the fight game forever."

That the champion isn't underestimating the contender is evidenced by the fact that he has unhesitatingly trained for the bout. That in itself speaks for the respect with which he holds the Philadelphia fighter. Tender is going to meet the lightweight champion at his best. To beat him is going to require a brand of boxing that he has hitherto never unhesitatingly used.

He arose at 8:30 and then went back to bed for an hour. Benny Gibson arrived soon after and went into a secret session with the champ.

Pepper Martin and Freddie Welsh dropped in to-day to see Leonard.

Benny has just come into the room to ask a writer to stick around for a dance at the hotel to-night.

Packey Schwartz, Leonard's chief, is all "thet" up to-night over the challenge of Mike Lerher. Tender's chief, Packey says he will take Lerher on if he makes 175 pounds ringside and guarantees to knock Mike for row of Scandinavian skulls.

Leonard is a bridge and pinocchio hound. He is taking the gang's money every night.

Johnny Martin says that Benny has a kick like a mule.

Mrs. Leonard, Benny's mother, says that it upsets her to see her son box with his sparring partners. When she sees the crowd swarm toward the ring Mrs. Leonard goes to her room in the hotel. Says it makes her nervous.

TENDER WINDS UP BOXING STUNTS FOR TO-MORROW'S BIG BOUT

DELANCO, N. J., July 26.—Lew Tander wound up the boxing end of his training course yesterday by going six fast rounds with three sparring partners. It is the last boxing Lew will do until he steps in the ring against Leonard.

The Philadelphia battler is in excellent condition and came through the six rounds without drawing a long breath. He let out a bit with his opponents and when the training bouts were over the sparring partners heaved sighs of relief.

In addition to the workout in the ring Tander shadow boxed for some time, punched the bag a few minutes and then went to work on the pulleys. He appeared extremely fatigued after shadow boxing and had his left arm

working in machine-like manner.

There is no doubt Lew is ready.

He will take things easy from now on and in order to keep himself on edge will go through a short workout to-day. There will be no more boxing, however. Tander will confine his exercise to light road work in the morning and a half hour of shadow boxing in the afternoon.

The contender for the lightweight championship is confident he will win the title. He intends to make an inside fight of this contest and hopes Referee Ertle will allow him to hit with both hands free. Manager Glassman will make this request to the referee when the men are given instructions. Under the present rules the fighters will break on the order of Ertle and not hit on the break.

Both Fighters, at Weight, Complete Training Bouts For Championship Match

Bout Will Be Held on Friday Night If It's Postponed To-Morrow—Preliminaries Are Arranged.

By Alex. Sullivan.

The fight that all real boxing fans have been looking forward to for three years is now only one day away.

Both Leonard and Tander have finished training. No more boxing, just short walks and rest till the gong rings.

Rev. Harvey L. Wyatt, a Presbyterian minister, called on Mayor Hague yesterday in an attempt to prevent the bout. He told His Honor a crime was about to be committed. The mayor said: "The men will not fight with pick-axes, but with gloves and according to law."

W. L. Darnell & Co., Wall Street brokers, placed one commission of \$6,000 to \$2,000 that Benny will receive the decision in a majority of the newspapers.

The "specs" as usual secured a flock of tickets and are offering them at prices as high as \$75 a pair—and the tickets only cost \$16.50 at the box office.

J. H. Farrell, supervisor of Dental Hygiene of the Board of Education of Jersey City, has been appointed official time-keeper, which is a real important position—a second or two can make or break a fighter.

Tex Rickard says there are lots of choice seats left and advises that fans buy them at the Garden or at authorized agencies.

Charlie White and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien watched Tander work out yesterday and were impressed with his condition.

Business Manager Country and a big staff of stenographers worked until midnight attending to the large batch of last-minute requests for reservations sent by telegrams, special delivery and ordinary mail.

The bout will be held on Friday night if rain causes a postponement to-morrow night.

Frank Flounoy, Tex Rickard's partner, predicts a crowd of 75,000 people, which will represent at least \$400,000 in money.

The \$10,000 lighting system was given a "rehearsal" last night. Everything is in readiness for the bout.

When Dempsey and Carp fought at Boyle's last year hundreds saw the bout from the roof of a factory south of the arena. They'll not have any such treat to-morrow night, as a canvas will be run up on masts, shutting off their view.

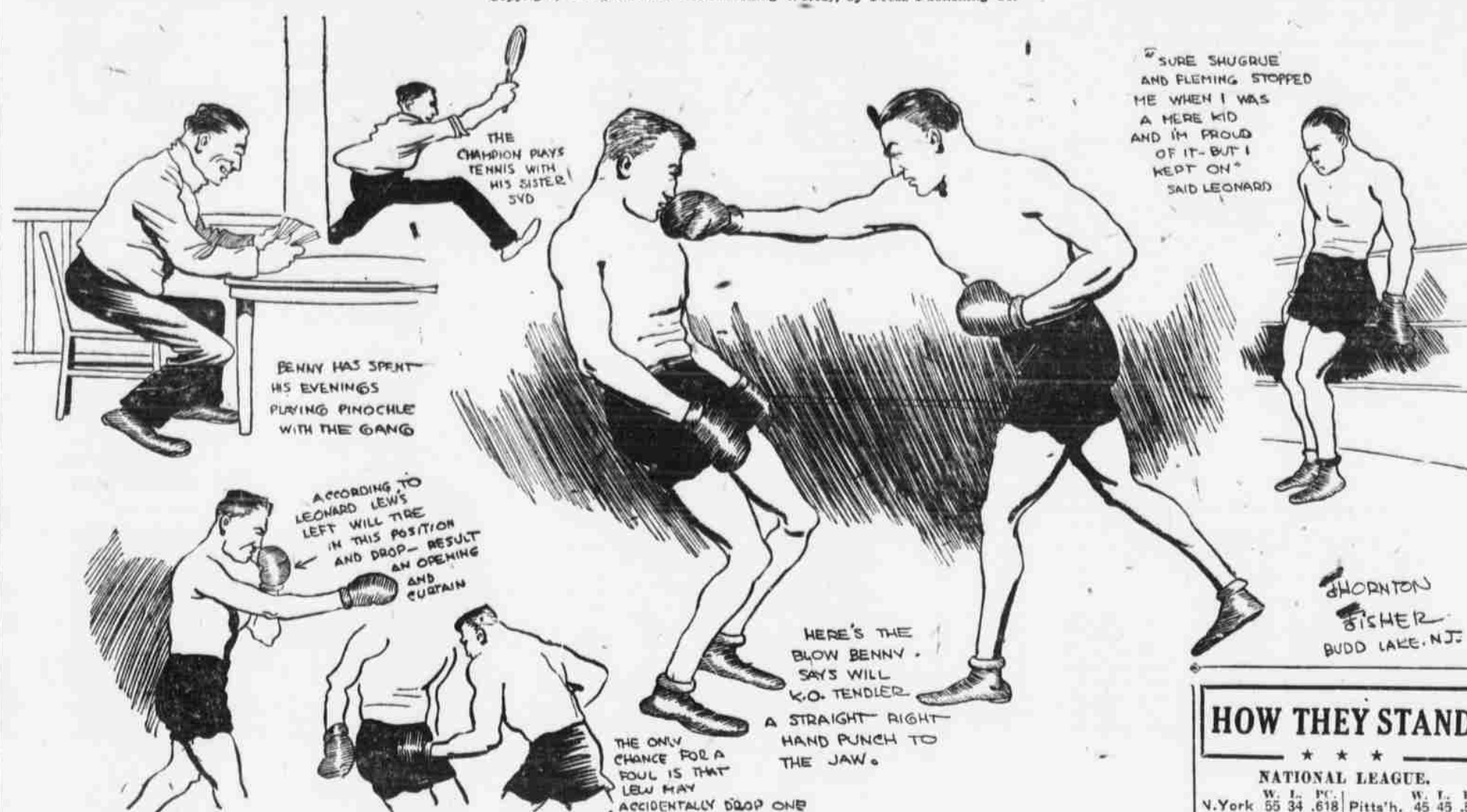
Persons going via the tube to see the bout are advised to detain at the Summit Avenue Station instead of Exchange Place or Grove Street, as it is much nearer the battle grounds than the other stations.

Trolleys and buses will be in service at the Summit Avenue Station, taking the fans directly to the entrances.

The card of prelims is finally arranged in: Red Munroe vs. Johnny

AT LEONARD'S CAMP

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DUGAN'S GIVEN

"RAZZING" UPON

ST. LOUIS DEBUT

New York Third Baseman

Couldn't Prevent Tears

Losing to Browns.

By Robert Boyd.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 26.—The deal that has been transacted in baseball in the last few years has created so much unpleasant gossip and left such an unfavorable impression as the recent Yankee Red Sox affair. The Boston American League club under the regime of Harry Frazee has proved to be nothing other than a club that maintained to assist the Yankees in winning American League pennants.

In New York this belief might not be sustained but in every other city the major leagues the Yankees have nominated themselves for the title of "the club that purchases pennants." Following their recent deal with the Red Sox Club there is something to openly unethical about the way the New York Club got Elmer Smith and Joe Dugan.

Something that will not help the game and something that is bound to bring about quite a rumpus in the American League before the echo of the affair dies away.

The Yankee officials say that Dugan was practically on the market. What Frazee wanted was players in exchange and as Higgins had the players to offer the Red Sox own the Yankees wanted. Higgins got Dugan. To-day there are very few players on the Yankee team that were members of the Red Sox at some particular time. Hoy, Ruth, MacFarland, Dugan, Scott, McNair, Jones, Bush, all played for Frazee at one time or another.

Dugan made his debut as a Yankee yesterday at Sportsman Park. What a "razzing" he did get from 18,500 St. Louisans that came to witness the first game of the season. Dugan's presence did not prevent the Browns, with Shocker pitching, from taking the first game of the series by the score of 10 to 6.

Dugan, on his first trip to St. Louis, played in a Yankee uniform, doubled along the left field foul line. It was the former Holy Cross boy's only hit in four times up. He performed well in the few chances he was called upon to handle at the corner.

Carl Mays started off and held the Browns down to three hits in six innings. He went to pieces in the sixth and the St. Louis players scored four runs across. Higgins' Yankee Mays out and sent O'Doul to pitch and Lefty performed exceedingly well in the few innings he pitched.

HOW THEY STAND

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

W. L. P. C. W. L. P. C.
N. York 55 34 618 Pitts'h. 45 45 500
St. Louis 57 37 606 Br'klyn 44 47 484
Chicago 49 42 538 Phila... 31 54 365
Cin'ti. 49 44 527 Boston 30 57 345

GAMES YESTERDAY.

New York, 9; St. Louis, 8.
Philadelphia, 3; Brooklyn, 2.
Cincinnati, 15; Philadelphia, 11 (10 innings).
Chicago, 6; Boston, 3.
GAMES TO-DAY.
St. Louis at New York.
Philadelphia at Brooklyn.
Cincinnati at Philadelphia.
Chicago at Boston.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

W. L. P. C. W. L. P. C.
St. Louis 54 38 567 Cleve'd 48 47 505
N. York 53 42 558 Wash'n 42 48 467
Chicago 49 44 527 Phila... 37 52 416
Detroit 49 45 521 Boston 38 54 413

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St. Louis, 8; New York, 0.
Cleveland, 4; Philadelphia, 0 (First game).
Philadelphia, 11; Cleveland, 4 (Second game).
Chicago, 3; Boston, 1.
Detroit, 8; Washington, 5.
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Philadelphia at Cleveland.
Washington at Detroit.
Boston at Chicago.

Fistic News BY JOHN POLLOCK and Gossip

Augie Ratner, the Harlem middleweight, who was unable to fight his twelve-round bout at the open air show of the Casino A. C. of Bridgeport, on Monday night, on account of rain, will fight to-night, providing the weather is clear. A match which was set out of the match, when the Boxing Commission of Connecticut threatened to suspend him for a year, he changed his mind.

A match has been clinched between Eddie Shubin, the great welterweight of Boston, and George Ward, the good waterweight of Elizabeth, N. J. They have been signed up by promoter Bob McNulty to meet in a ten-round bout to a decision at the open air show to be staged at River Beach, in Boston, on Friday evening, Aug. 4.

On account of Al Roberts, the heavyweight of Staten Island, having injured his hand while in training, his bout with Jack Herman, the Newark heavyweight, at the Brighton Boxing Club last Monday night, has been postponed until Monday evening, Aug. 7.

Pal Moran, the New Orleans lightweight star, is busy training for his battle with Johnny Mitchell, which will take place Friday night at the Surf Avenue A. C. Conny McLaughlin, the New York lightweight champion, will be the referee.

Johnny Williams, the rugged New York lightweight, and Al McRae of Brooklyn have been signed up by Andy Neidermeyer to meet in the main card of twelve rounds at the new show of the Ridgewood Grove Sporting Club on Saturday night. Joe Prieson of Long Island City meets Jackie Murray in the semi-final of ten rounds.

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HOMERUN LEADERS.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Hornaby, St. Louis.....26
Williams, Philadelphia.....14
Wheat, Brooklyn.....11
Ainsmith, St. Louis.....10
Kelly, New York.....9
Reneau, New York.....9
Grimes, Chicago.....9

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Walker, Philadelphia.....24
Williams, St. Louis.....22
Heilmann, Detroit.....16
Ruth, New York.....15
Miller, Philadelphia.....13

LEONARD 3 TO 1 FAVORITE TO WIN BOUT ON POINTS

Many Bets Made at 2 to 1 That Contest Won't Go the Limit.

By John Pollock.

While betting on the probable winner of to-morrow night's championship battle between Benny Leonard and Lew Tander is very light, a most peculiar thing in connection with the fight is the willingness of all the sporting men to take odds of 2 to 1 that the bout will result in a knockout.

At the Pennsylvania Hotel and also at the Astor Hotel last night there were thousands of dollars offered by the sporting men in this city, who were perfectly willing to cover every bet at the above odds. The sports are of the opinion that the contest will not go the limit of twelve rounds, as they figure that the fighters are so determined to win decisively that they will go in to try and score a knockout as quickly as possible.

The city is fast filling up with sporting men from out of town and it is expected that by noon to-morrow every hotel will be crowded with fight fans who have come hundreds of miles to witness this important contest. Seven thousand sporting men will make the trip from Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Tender's admirers are so sure that he will win that they intend to take all the odds of 3 to 1 offered that Leonard will get the popular newspaper decision or win by a knockout.

Several special trains will leave from Philadelphia to-morrow afternoon loaded down with Tender's admirers, while the regular trains leaving Philadelphia and Atlantic City during the day will also bring hundreds of fight fans from those places to the battle.

The writer learned to-day from a reliable source that the sporting men of Philadelphia have already purchased \$5,000 worth of tickets so far for the contest.

Boxing Commissioner McNair of the New Jersey Boxing Commission announced to-day that the fighters will be weighed in by the three members of the Boxing Commission, with Louis Mesiano, Chairman, handling the scales, and the other two Commissioners, McNair and Lyons, looking on.

Both fighters have been notified by the Boxing Commission to be at Boyle's Acre before 1:45 P. M. At 2 P. M. they will weigh in. It is said that Leonard will tip the scales at 134 1/2 pounds, while Tender is expected to weigh 124 pounds. The men will be weighed on the scales furnished by the City Weigher of Jersey City.

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Frank Frisch's Puny Hit Enables World's Champs To Beat Cards in Opener

Fordham Flash Gives Exhibition of Quick Thinking That Enables Giants to Tighten Hold on First Place.

By Bozeman Bulger.

TINY wallop—a wallop measuring exactly twelve feet from top to tip—topped the mighty Bill Doak. It turned a ball game inside out. It gave the Giants a better foothold on first place. It gave the on-rushing Cardinals something to think about. It lit the fuse that blasted a mighty irritating pitcher out of the box. It gave the 15,000 customers a laugh—and a thrill.

Frankie Frisch, alias the Fordham Flash, measured that stroke. In so doing he earned a good big chunk of that \$15,000 they are supposed to pay him every fall. Frankie proved himself a quick thinker, a thing in baseball more to be cherished than great riches. Those birds are rare.

Frankie didn't do it under instructions, either. McGraw was up in Pelham, sick abed with a very heavy cold.

It happened in the fifth inning. At that moment the Cardinals were well out in front, having dug into Fred Toney, the Tennessee Mountain, for three runs.

Bill Doak had been pitching a most tantalizing slow ball to our champs, a heave that barely managed to crawl over the plate, a ball like your little brother would throw. One after another our mighty hitters had gone up there only to strain their backs lunging at this little pee-pee of a pitch.

Long George Kelley had struck out on one of them that didn't even reach the plate. The regular customers were beginning to snicker.

After Earl Smith had busted a cap on this pee-pee, only to roll out to short, Fred Toney stood there and waited until he had a base on balls.

Bancroft waited for a fast one and nailed it for a single. With difficulty superinduced by heavy breathing the Tennessee Mountain managed to reach second. This was an effort. Bancroft was completely blocked. The only way he saw to get around the bases without running over Toney was to blast.

"Bloote!" And sure enough Johnny Rawlings had blasted. It was a whale of a poke against the left field fence. The crowd set itself to observe the Tennessee Mountain in motion. It was a great show, but as luck would have it Toney lumbered around third and threw himself into high gear as he made the turn. He tumbled over the plate with a run but without a single breath left to his name. In the meantime Bancroft had walked around to third, taking observations.

Now there was a chance. One run was needed to tie the score, and a guy stood on third ready and willing to deliver name.

Bill Doak is a nervy guy. Got to give him that. Without ruffling a hair he tossed over a puny little thing to Frankie Frisch that barely wobbled up to the plate. Frisch took a healthy at it and strained four vertebrae, but it was no use. They simply couldn't hit that thing.

"But," said Frankie to himself in his best Bronxese, "no guy's going to make a mug out of me on a ball that couldn't knock the foun off a charlotte rouser. Not me!"

"I'm not certain, but I think that's what the Flash said."

Anyway Bill Doak eased up another

one of those things.

Frisch looked at Banny on third—winked or something. Capt. Bancroft immediately started on a dash for the plate. Frankie made no attempt at a swing—simply held his bat up and let that puny slow ball bump into it. The ball dropped like a dud, stopped twelve feet and no one hundredth inches from the pan. Nobody could get to it.

Bancroft scored and Frisch perched himself on first, giving Bill Doak the razz, fingers to his nose in everything. He had worked the squeeze play by stealing Bill's own stuff.

That did about broke the camel's back. One after another the boys started bunting at Doak. He was then forced to fling his real fast one and—well they killed it. Before Bill could quite explain the matter to Clemson, his catcher, the Giants had rolled in seven runs.

The pastime from then on was practically null and void. As has been pointed out, a twelve-foot stroke matched against a one-pound toss had killed it.

The abused Cardinals attempted to stage the ninth inning stuff that has made them famous out West but they fell one inch short. At that, the four runs piled up by those boys in the ninth gave our noble Champs the worst case of German quincy they've felt around the neck for many and many a moon. Don't let anybody tell you they weren't scared.

This Cardinal Club, you know, has an ugly habit of pulling those ninth inning rallies. In the Boston series alone they won three games by concentrating their blows in the last frame.

The Giants are preparing safeguards against it to-day. Well they might! That St. Louis outfit is simply a fighting fiend when it comes to their last inning.

Manager McGraw is said to be some better though still unable to leave his room. He came from Cincinnati yesterday and went to his home in Pelham. He is suffering from congestion of the lungs and has been advised to take no chances on going out. In the mean time Hughie Jennings is running the club.

The Giants have a lot of cripples now. The club doctor says he doesn't see how they have won at all. Helme Young has a busted heel. Helme Groh still carries a limp. Bancroft has a split finger. Frisch's bad foot is continually inflamed from having to wear spikes. Casey Stengel has a splintered jaw. That's just a few of them.

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